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“...churches of Christ salute you” (Rom 16:16)
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Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Class..... 9:00 a.m.
AM Worship...10:00 a.m.
PM Worship.... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Study.... 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday:

Ladies' Bible Class(Sept.–Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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SECRETARIES

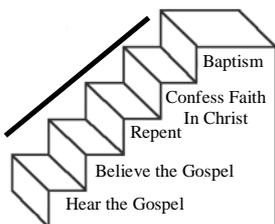
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CUSTODIANS

Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear-Romans 10:17
Believe-John 8:24
Repent-Acts 17:30
Confess-Romans 10:10
Be Baptized-Acts 22:16
Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



Building For The Future

Don Hatch

Christians are employed in tasks which are fundamental and vital. Faith is constantly under consideration. Faith must be given due deliberation and further study of the scriptures develops a deeper insight into the ways of God. Knowledge is a powerful tool for grasping the benefit of the grace, peace and mercy of God (2 Tim 1:1). This saving knowledge of Christ is redemptive recognizing Him as the source of spiritual knowledge necessary to partaking of the divine nature (2 Pet 1:3-11). Accruing the divine knowledge from the word of God centers itself on knowing the Christ of the Bible. Epically it is essential to believe that Jesus Christ is our moral and spiritual leader. Investigating the Bible for spiritual truth seeks to know the judicial and sovereign will of God. This high and noble truth is especially vital to having an honorable character.

The precursor to knowledge and insight into truth is a desire to know and glean information from the Bible wherein is discussed all aspects of developing reverence for God (Heb 12:28). Spiritual courage which Christians manifest is the essence of Christian living. It is enhanced by an intensely earnest espousal of walking in wisdom and abounding more and more in discernment. A spiritual life full of energy and vigor grows towards the stature of Christ Jesus. Moral cowardice will not maintain purity. Moral and spiritual wholesomeness is not sought by the moral coward. Integrity to a moral coward is unpleasant and disgusting (Jn 8:30, 31). The truth gives a fresh insight into life that now is and that which is to come (1 Tim 4:6-16). Nourished on the words of faith, good doctrine and refusing to engage in profane exercises of ungodliness is equivalent to setting and having a goal of godliness. Laboring and striving towards being acceptable to God is building for the future.

Advancing a civilization takes courage and will to direct the present and future toward a better hope. What is now must not equal the there and then when it comes to spiritual growth. **Better** and **greater** commitment to Christ should be our aspiration. Christians do not go beyond what is written but all things work together for good for those who are called of the Lord (Rom 8:28). The great pioneers in every time were not dominated by

doubt, distress, discouragement or dismay. Courageous conviction that Christ is Lord gives rise to the honest purpose of serving Him, even hazarding the loss of earthly wealth, facing censure by the ignorant and disapproval of the unjust. Advancements and accomplishments come to civilizations who embraced Christian teachings and practices. History teaches us to consider those who have faced ridicule, bitter opposition and unsavory actions against them. Civilizations from the time of Christ which proved all things held to self-evident truths and sought to direct their children into a better moral and spiritual life advanced. Manliness seeks to know the truth. Fearlessness is undaunted and works the ways of God. Christians are not deterred by any dread of consequences when they walked in the truth. **A love of truth** will mend every flaw. A student of the Bible has the future in mind. To be an academic of the Bible is to see it as merely philosophical or historical. If the Bible is only academic the knowledge received will be no different than that of an infidel. Studying the Bible for spiritual guidance always consider future use of its great principals. As comprehensions of Bible truths are gained the application of them seeks a time or place for employment. Each Christian finds time to understand the will of God (Eph 5:15-17). Walking in the light and in conformity to God's truth is because of understanding (1 Jn 1:1-10). Memorization of the Bible is of great importance and the application of its teachings strengthen the inward man (2 Co 4:16-18). The future of a Christian's life is not the trial that are being endured, but rather the service to the Lord during such trials (Jas 1:19-27). Trials teach us to put away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, receiving the implanted word, which is able to save our souls.

Christians are unremittingly and constantly willing to pay the price for the future by hard work and perseverance. Immediate gratification is contrary to Christianity. For one to receive from the hand of the Lord each must surrender His will. The sowing and reaping concept is applicable knowing that indolence and lethargy reduces and limits the harvest. Irregularly and halfheartedly applying talents limits growth in the grace and knowledge of God. Lackadaisical employment and carelessness in the kingdom has a dim future (2 Pet 3:12-18). Learning and applying God's teachings are the processes wherein practical wisdom is achieved (Jas 3:13-18). The Christian depends on God's discernment and wisdom. The Bible teaches that zeal or diligence must be according to divine knowledge. Without intelligent insight into God's desires for mankind none would have a wise purpose and zeal would be misdirected. The future rest in godly wisdom!

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Please remember all the ladies this week, who will be meeting Saturday for the Ladies 1/2 day. Pray for its success. Beverly McKey will be the speaker and I'm sure she will give a fine Biblical lesson to all who attend. This is a great get-to-gather for many sisters throughout the brotherhood. This is always such a dedicated event for all the Belt Line ladies. May God bless you all with His word and with great fellowship and a wonderful meal.

The Lord willing, I plan to visit the Jamaica School of Preaching and Biblical Studies in Kingston, Jamaica on May 13 through May 16. Bro. Guy Caskey helped start this school as Director in May 1970. Guy's library books will be shipped to the school's library at the request of the family. It now has several students in Haiti, Cuba, Belize, Nepal and Mexico as well as Jamaica. Gladwyn Kiddoe is the Director of the school since 1979 and has visited Mission Printing many times. He has requested an ocean container of Mission Printing tracts and has graciously allowed me to stay at his home. This trip will enable me to determine if 700,000 tracts can be distributed in a timely fashion by the student volunteers and the efforts of the local congregations. I'm eager to see the efforts for evangelism put forth by the school. Thanks to one of Mission Printing's Trustees for obtaining my airfare through his Advantage Miles. The Customs Department will be contacted to help ensure that our material will be awarded a tax exemption by the Jamaican government. I will also meet with our clearing agent to aid in the process of delivering the container to the school.

Richard Renfro

[1 Thessalonians 2:9](#) "For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the **gospel** of God".

True knowledge is connected to living faith. Faith requires intelligent understanding of God's will and word. Knowledge without zeal is vain and so is zeal without knowledge of God's will. A Christian without zeal is like a ship without a rudder or pilot and is in danger of crashing upon the rocks.

Faith requires intelligent understanding of God's moral discernment in order to grasp and effectively execute its insights. Faith operates effectively by hearing and believing the gospel (Rom 10:1-15).

Faith and grace make an invaluable contribution to growing in moral insights. Christian courage must not degenerate into blind recklessness. Intelligent guidance from the scriptures functions as a beacon while navigating the shoals. The Christian is head and shoulders above all others who do not know the superior vigor of faith.

As a perfect example Jesus Christ glorified the Father. He lived a faultless life due to His knowledge and submission to the Father (Heb 10:9). We must imitate His example of courage and faithfulness. Ignorance of His word, false concepts of His teachings, blind faith and unreasoning zeal lead to reckless courage and an inability to be the light to the world.

The Bible- Just A Book?

Usually treaties dealing with the Bible's miracles, either for or against them, will omit any reference to the Bible as a book divine and a miracle within itself. The Bible gives accounts of miracles and credits them to the Divine Creator and Sustainer. Those who have brazenly sought to destroy the Bible and its supernatural nature with destructive criticism have not been able to weaken its authority or moral and spiritual value to mankind. Who but an Omniscient and Omnipotent God could have conceived and caused mankind to compose such a perfect and divine library?

The miracle of inspiration and divine revelation is unfathomable. We may never understand exactly how God moved holy men to speak by the Holy Spirit but the effect is astonishing (2 Pet 1:19-21). The divine inspiration of Scripture was always an unvarying conviction of Christians until the control of liberalism in the medium of communication. Modernists have repudiated the infallibility of the Bible, working havoc within "Christendom" and robbing many of the notes of certainty for their faith. The Bible, when considered to be fallible, destroys the influence of Christianity. Critics would like to make the "Sword of the Spirit" a blunt instrument thus robbing it of power.

Men have never effectively been able to "gainsay" the Bible and its inspiration. Bible inspiration embraces not only its **subject matter** but also **the very words** in which it was expressed, down to the minutest detail, so that as originally written the Bible is wholly inspired (Matthew 5:18). This volume of 66 books took about 1500 years to complete and has survived for over 4 millenniums. Are there any books over 1000 years old which people today still read? It is said that of 50,000 books printed over a 300 year period, only 59 have remained in reprinted form. After 5 years an ordinary book is reckoned "dead". Yet century after century the Bible increases in circulation.

Eminent, skeptical professors have humbly had to confess the accuracy of truths found in the Bible after Archaeology confirmed each record. Excavations carried on in all Bible lands by pick and shovel have proven many higher critics' deductions to be false and the Bible true. The Bible does not set itself up as a modern treaty on science, yet it has never been proven wrong in any area of science.

The unity of making 66 books into a single volume is striking evidence of its supernatural background. On any given subject harmony prevails. With over 300 fulfilled prophecies in the Old Testament about Jesus, 278 proven references given word for word from the Old Testament, 100 partly worded statements and 124 incidents mentioned that came to pass, its integrity has never been successfully challenged. Volumes could be written of the divine preservation of the Bible through the centuries. Neither deeds of man nor devil have destroyed it because, "the word of the Lord endureth forever." It has been burned publicly and death used as a penalty for owning it, yet no effort to eradicate has ever succeeded.

The Bible is supernatural in its presentation, preservation and likewise in its power. No other book has influenced men and nations like the Bible. *It is set in the heart of mankind and works on the lives of unbelievers creating faith within.* No one has ever been able to explain such a transition in the heart of sinful mankind. Modernists and rationalists may try to weaken the Bible's power and authority, but it continues its triumph in the hearts of millions. The Bible is still the world's best seller. Even the highest scientific books of all ages have never come close to its use. It has been translated into 1000 languages or more. It goes everywhere and touches souls. What manner of Book is this?

Don Hatch

Family News:

News at Belt Line.
Call in your information to the office at:
972-790-8606 by Sunday evening.

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

April 26, 2015

Front foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Back foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Kent Conner

May 3, 2015

Front foyer: Dale & Katherine Cox

Back foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

Sermon Titles

April 26, 2015

a.m: "Covenants"

Scripture: Romans 9:1-5

p.m: "Have Atheist Proved There Is No God?"

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5

May 3, 2015

a.m: "Divine Revelation"

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:12-16

p.m: "Great Day Coming"

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Contribution Counters For

April

Glen Kelly & Purman Cofer

Communion Preparation For

April

Dorris & Janie Walker

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet *Sunday* at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate booklets. Please come help us and enjoy the Christian fellowship.

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, J.C. and Dessie Ross, Joann Hatch, Don and Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton

Homebound Members:

Roy and Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Gearldean Jones

Recovering at Home:

Elizabeth Garrison had oral surgery last Wednesday. She was in surgery for 4 hours and cannot eat solid food for two weeks.

There are many dealing with short term health issues. Please remember them in your prayers.

Hospital:

Tom Prince is in Baylor, Irving with pneumonia. He is in PCU Room #305.

Nursing Home:

Noma Myers – Northgate Plaza
Dorothy Smith – Avalon
Elsie Nanney – Elm Croft

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

Special Request:

Walt LaHaye's niece **Tiffany** has suffered paralysis after a spinal lesion burst. Please keep this family in your prayers.

LADIES

There are **Ladies 1/2 Day invitation cards** in both foyers. Please pick some up and pass them out to your friends and neighbors.

There are sign-up sheets in the front foyer to indicate what type of salad you plan on bringing on the **25th**.

Ladies, please pick up your dishes when the luncheon is over.

Thank You

Parents please don't allow your children to go into the communion preparation area.

THANK YOU NOTES

There are Thank You Notes on the center bulletin board from the following people: **Pansy Yankey, Don & Ann Herriage** as well as **Mike & Elizabeth Garrison**.

RESPONSE

David Hawkins came forward last night expressing Thank You for prayers on behalf of his daughter and her mother. He also asked for prayers on his behalf for some health issues he is having.

TEEN THANK YOU

We want to extend a very special **Thank You** to all the **teens** and **adults** who participated in the Teen Workday last Saturday. A job well done by everyone. Also **Thank You** to **Darrell Allen** and **John Mayer** for your continued leadership of the teens.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 26th – 29th

Colleyville Church of Christ

Topic: What will Motivate Me to be More Evangelistic?

Speaker: Robert Jefferies

May 1st – 3rd

**Northwest Church of Christ
Fort Worth, Texas**

Topic: Creation vs Evolution

Speaker: Kyle Butt

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/25/15 – Ladies ½ Day – 9 a.m.

APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

Glen Kelly – 4/1
 Mary Wise – 4/2
 Jerry Grantham – 4/2
 Joann Hatch – 4/2
 Sabrina Howard – 4/3
 Vern Lundquist – 4/6
 Billy Beverly – 4/7
 Sissy Allen – 4/12
 Bobby Allen – 4/16
 Henry Seidmeyer – 4/16
 Nelda Bell Newton – 4/17
 Tom Head* – 4/18
 Roy Thomas – 4/19
 Jeanene Heilman – 4/19
 Alice Worthy – 4/20
 Thomas Rathbun – 4/21
 Mary Walker – 4/22
 Don Hatch – 4/25
 Faye West – 4/30

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Sissy Allen – 4/18

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Scot Allen:
 (214)724-6400*

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		4/26/15	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Richard Renfro · Bill Matthews · Thomas Rathbun
· John Mayer	· Curtis Vaughan		
· Nathan Allen	· Alex Mayer		
· Dorris Walker	· Ethan Howard		
· Alex Perry	· Robert Taylor		
· Brandon Howard			
· Purman Cofer			
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u> · Samuel Henderson Romans 9:1-5
· Glen Kelly			
· Thomas Rathbun			
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u> · Dean Webb · Darrell Allen
· Glen Kelly			
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u> · Nathan Allen Genesis 1:1-5
· Jerry Baker			
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u> · Jerry McKey

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	65	63	62	100
A.M. Worship	97	90	104	150
P.M. Worship	64	75	67	80
Wed. Class	35	70	57	85
Contribution	\$5364	\$4318	\$5522	\$5098

MISSIONS

Glen Tattersall – Australia
Roland & Rose Moshen – France
Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
Christ's Haven Children's Home – Keller, TX
Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
Ted Lingren – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
Mike Batot – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
Carlos Tario – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
Daniel Garza – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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